

REMARKS

Claims 1-89 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 32 and 72-79 being independent. Claims 23, 28, 30, 53, 58 and 60 have been amended for clarity, and new claims 80-89 have been added. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants thank Examiner Donlon for participating in a telephonic interview with applicants' representatives on May 14, 2009 and on May 19, 2009. During the interviews, applicants discussed the amendments submitted by applicants to the Patent Office on April 29, 2009 and the Micciantuono and MISTICS references. Specifically, applicants' representative asserted that the Micciantuono and the MISTICS references fail to describe or suggest a functional layer that is configured to evaluate a request for an unemployment insurance benefit by the claimant based on the benefit status of the claimant and the unemployment insurance tax payment status of the employer. In view of the discussion with Examiner Donlon, applicants have added new dependent claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the new claims carefully prior to issuing another office action because the new claims are believed to recite additional limitations that, applicants submit, are also not described or suggested by the prior art.

Applicants encourage Examiner Donlon to contact applicant's representative at the number listed below regarding the claims as necessary to expedite prosecution.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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